

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1-7 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sheet treating apparatus for subjecting a sheet transported from an image forming apparatus to treatment, comprising:

a sheet stacking portion which is arranged to stack a sheet transported by a sheet transporting force of the image forming apparatus without a transporting drive force of said sheet treating apparatus;

a sheet treating portion which is arranged to subject the sheet transported from the image forming apparatus to a post-treatment; and

a sheet guiding portion which is arranged to selectively guide the sheet transported from the image forming apparatus to one of said sheet stacking portion and said sheet treating portion[[],]; and

a sheet treatment control portion which controls the sheet treating apparatus;

wherein said sheet treatment control portion arranges said sheet guiding portion ~~is selected~~ to be in a state of guiding position to guide the sheet to said sheet stacking portion in a state in which a power supply of said sheet treating apparatus is turned off.

2. (Currently Amended) A sheet treating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sheet transporting force is applied to the sheet at elevation above said sheet stacking portion ~~is dropped by a gravitational force of the sheet and stacked on said sheet stacking portion.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A sheet treating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said sheet treatment control portion arranges said sheet guiding portion is to be switched to a state of selecting said sheet stacking portion when the sheet is not transported for a predetermined period of time in the state in which it is selected to guide the sheet to said sheet treating portion.

4. (Currently Amended) A sheet treating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said sheet guiding portion comprises:

a displacement body which can be displaced between a position for guiding the sheet to said sheet stacking portion and a position for guiding the sheet to said sheet treating portion; and

a drive portion which displaces said displacement body from the position for guiding the sheet to said sheet stacking portion to the position for guiding the sheet to said sheet treating portion, and

wherein when a power supply is activated said displacement body is urged upward by the drive portion to ~~in~~ the position for guiding the sheet to said sheet treating portion and a power supply is turned off, said displacement body is displaced by a gravitational force of said displacement body is not urged upward by the ~~to the~~ position for guiding the sheet to said sheet stacking portion.

5. (Currently Amended) A sheet treating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said sheet guiding portion comprises:

a displacement body which can be displaced between a position for guiding the sheet to said sheet stacking portion and a position lower than the foregoing position for guiding the sheet to said sheet treating portion;

a drive portion which displaces said displacement body from the position for guiding the sheet to said sheet stacking portion to the position for guiding the sheet to said sheet treating portion; and

a power supply activated biasing portion which, when said displacement body is in the position for guiding the sheet to said sheet treating portion and a power supply is turned off, biases said displacement body to be in the position for guiding the sheet to said sheet stacking portion.

6. (Currently Amended) A sheet treating apparatus according to claim 4 †, wherein said displacement body comprises a sheet guide path which guides the sheet to said sheet treating portion.

7. (Currently Amended) A sheet treating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said sheet treating portion has one of a function for aligning ~~the~~ sheets, a function for punching sheets ~~the sheet~~, and a function for stapling ~~the~~ sheets.